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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 13 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Security Council Working Group on the Brahimi Report

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	59th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations [32]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/492/Rev.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.30)

Briefings by the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Deputy United Nations Security Coordinator, followed by informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Briefings by Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Deputy Emergency Relief Co-ordinator, and Ms. Diana Russler, Deputy United Nations Security Coordinator, on the security and safety of humanitarian personnel, followed by informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information [87] (A/55/21 and A/55/452)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.24 and L.25 (item 97) and L.3 (item 92 (d))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.6 (item 95) and L.14 (item 95 (e))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

   Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. United Nations common system [124] (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/C.5/55/526)

   United Nations pension system [125] (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/55/482 and A/55/516)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	27th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164] (A/55/37, A/55/179 and Add.1 and A/C.6/55/L.2)

Status of the Protocole additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.15

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 13 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.2 (item 92 (e)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will hold an informal briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/436), covering the activities for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000. The informal briefing will take place on Monday, 13 November 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 10 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 13 November 2000

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 92 (c))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(agenda items 92 (c) and 97)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard) on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations *(at the ambassadorial level)* with land-locked developing countries and transit developing countries, organized by the delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization), organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 42 (Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children) will be held on Monday, 13 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	60th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from the Permanent Representative of Greece addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/523) [15 (b)]
2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft decision (A/55/L.4) [18]
3. situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/55/L.31) [45]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 12th meeting of the resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet from 14 to 16 November 2000, in Conference Room 7, as follows: Tuesday, 14 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (10th meeting), to hear the following sanctions experts: Professor Serhiy Berezovenko, Ukrainian Institute for International Relations, Kiev National University; Dr. Tono Eitel, Ambassador and former Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; and Professor Tim Niblock, Head, Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University (London); Wednesday, 15 November, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (11th meeting), to hear Mr. David Malone, President, International Peace Academy (on Clusters II and III) and representatives of the Secretariat; and Thursday, 16 November, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (12th meeting), to discuss the draft recommendations concerning the improvements of the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held, under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu of Cameroon, on the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5)* on Wednesday, 15 November 2000, in the morning, in Conference Room 6, following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Second Committee. The formal meeting of the resumed substantive session of 2000 of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Friday, 17 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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* To be issued.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 15 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

51st meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Yemen, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Croatia, Canada, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Bhutan, Algeria, Eritrea, Ghana (on behalf of a number of Western African countries) and Thailand.

The representative of the World Food Programme made a statement.

The Director of the New York Liaison Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to the United Nations made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 109.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Armenia, Nepal, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Azerbaijan and Eritrea.

52nd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.35

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Paraguay and Sri Lanka, introduced the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.43**

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Morocco, the Niger and Sri Lanka, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.47

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Guinea and Namibia, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.48

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Angola, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahariya, Madagascar, Mali, Malaysia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, the Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Sudan, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.52

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Canada and Morocco, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.56

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.60

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Albania, Brazil, Ecuador, Malta and New Zealand, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.49

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Estonia, Latvia and Malta, introduced the draft resolution, and announced that the Czech Republic should not have been listed as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.50

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, New Zealand, Norway and Slovenia, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.64

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.21

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belarus announced that Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. Subsequently, Cuba joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Belarus orally revised the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.26/Rev.1

Following a statement read out by the Secretary in connection with the revised draft resolution, the representative of Canada made a statement.

The representative of Nigeria announced that Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. Subsequently, Albania, Andorra, Belarus, Croatia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Monaco and San Marino joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Nigeria orally revised the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft, as further orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/55/L.63

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.3/55/L.63 submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of informal consultations.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.36

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Belize, Benin, Panama, Senegal, Togo and Yemen had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Moldova and Côte d'Ivoire joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Australia orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Albania, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica, Mozambique, Myanmar, the Niger, Paraguay and Senegal had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Malawi and Micronesia (Federated States of) joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.39

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution, after which the representative of Canada made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Japan announced that Malta had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cambodia.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.44

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Brazil announced that Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Malaysia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that Jordan had withdrawn as a sponsor

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jahamariya, Brazil and Algeria after which the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.45

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Chile made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 94 to 2, with 64 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Mexico and the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Mauritania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.54

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution after which the representative of Canada made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Belgium announced that Bosnia and Herzegovina, Norway, the Republic of Moldova and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Albania, Cameroon, Croatia, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Panama, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Peru announced that the Congo, Indonesia, Malaysia, Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Burundi, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malta, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sierra Leone, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.57

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution, after which statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Pakistan, India and Cuba.

The representative of Botswana orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution a statement was made by the representative of Japan (also on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.58

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Botswana made a statement and announced that El Salvador had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Botswana made a statement and announced that El Salvador had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 103 to 46, with 8 abstentions.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.38

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral correction that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Sweden announced that Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Malta and the Netherlands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Albania and Slovenia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

fter the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

Thursday, 9 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/221)

Friday, 10 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4217th (closed) meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4217th meeting, held in private on 10 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and with the consent of the Council, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, President of the Palestinian Authority.

"The members of the Council and His Excellency President Yasser Arafat had a constructive discussion."

4218th (closed) meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4218th meeting, held in private on 10 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question".

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the Council and the representative of Israel had a constructive discussion."

4219th meeting

Briefing by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, Argentina, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Tunisia, Bangladesh, China, Canada, Malaysia, Mali, Ukraine, Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provided clarifications in response to the comments and questions by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

57th plenary meeting

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/350 and Add.1) [30]

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Brazil, South Africa, Burkina Faso, Algeria, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana, Cameroon, Norway, Bangladesh and Egypt.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution would be submitted on this item at a later date.

58th plenary meeting

Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [44]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/387)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.28)

The representative of Lesotho made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.28.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia and Bulgaria.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.28 (resolution 55/21).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 44.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States: draft resolution (A/55/L.6/Rev.1) [180]

H.E. Mr. Santiago Nsobeya Efuman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Equatorial Guinea, made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.6/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and Gabon.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.6/Rev.1 (resolution 55/22).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 180.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 23rd meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, Singapore, Cuba, Kuwait, Belarus, Argentina, Tunisia, New Zealand and Pakistan.

The Committee suspended the consideration of the item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

A/C.4/55/L.10 to L.16

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.10.

The representative of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Norway and Turkey) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.11.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/55/L.12 to L.16 and made an oral revision to A/C.4/55/L.14.

A/C.4/55/L.10 to L.10

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.10, by a recorded vote of 123 to 1, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.11

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.11 without a vote.

A/C.4/55/L.12

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.12, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.13

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.13, by a recorded vote of 123 to none, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.14

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.14, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.15

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.15, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.16

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.16, by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstention.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 84.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

A/C.4/55/L.17 to L.21

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/55/L.17, L.18, L.19, L.20 and L.21.

A/C.4/55/L.17

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.17, by a recorded vote of 68 to 2, with 53 abstentions.

A/C.4/55/L.18

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.18, by a recorded vote of 124 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.19

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.19, by a recorded vote of 124 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.20

Oman became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.20, by a recorded vote of 123 to 2, with no abstention.

A/C.4/55/L.21

Lebanon, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.21, by a recorded vote of 123 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Australia and France (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observer of Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that in accordance with its programme of work and timetable the next item for consideration would be agenda item 87 (Questions relating to information). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 54th and 55th meetings

Note The summary of the 54th and 55th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/221).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 26th meeting

United Nations common system [124]

United Nations pension system [125]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission introduced the report of the Commission (A/55/30).

The Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Pension Board introduced the report of the Board (A/55/9).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report on the United Nations pension system (A/55/481).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the investments of the United Nations Staff Pension Fund (A/C.5/55/3).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the International Civil Service Commission (A/55/526).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, statements were then made by the President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations (CCISUA) and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 1 p.m. on Monday, 13 November, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers for this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Norway), the United States, China, the Russian Federation and Tunisia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 26th meeting

Observer status for the Inter-American Development Bank in the General Assembly [171]

A statement was made by the representative of Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 171.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.13

The representative of Brazil introduced the draft resolution.

France, Panama and Spain joined as sponsors while Saint Vincent and the Grenadines withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 171.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, China, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Algeria, South Africa, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Egypt, Portugal, Burkina Faso, Belgium, Guatemala, Greece, Denmark and Yemen.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 172.

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [154]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/55/L.10

The Committee adopted without a vote the draft decision, as amended by the Chairman at the 25th meeting.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 154.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

The representative of Finland introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.8 (and Corr.1).

Burkina Faso, Guatemala and France joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2001 PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly (Finland) opened the meeting and made a statement. The Director for Communications and Information, UNHCR, made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of Algeria, Hungary, Sweden, Turkey, Norway, Finland, Mexico, Austria, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Germany, Liechtenstein, China, the United States and Morocco.

The Chairman announced that pledges had also been received from Monaco, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

A closing statement was made by the Director for Communications and Information, UNHCR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritania
H.E. Mr. Mahfoudh Ould Deddach

Asian States:
Kyrgyzstan
H.E. Ms.Elmira S. Ibraimova

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
H.E. Mr. Ernest Petrič

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mr. Gelson Fonseca, Jr.

Western European and other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Dieter Kastrup

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